



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify before you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

CCM supports Raised Senate Bill 405 "An Act Concerning the Development of Cost Effective Supportive Housing for Frequent Users of Costly State Services."

S.B. 405 would create supportive housing for individuals and families with very low income and chronic illnesses.

Supportive housing is permanent, affordable housing with on-site support services to serve the needs of the most vulnerable residents, including the homeless. Supportive housing residences are owned and operated by experienced community-based organizations that maintain a high standard of property management.

CCM supports ways to provide much needed assistance to persons requiring supportive housing. This bill will work considerably toward relieving the state's homelessness problems.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report on Raised Senate Bill 405.

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